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Letter dated 6 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to bring to the attention of the Security Council and enclose herewith the statement of the Government of the Republic of Korea on the fourth nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 6 January 2016 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 6 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on North Korea's fourth nuclear test

1. North Korea announced that it conducted its first hydrogen bomb test on 6 January 2016 at 10.30 (KST).

2. The Government of the Republic of Korea strongly condemns North Korea's fourth nuclear test, which was carried out in disregard of repeated warnings by the Republic of Korea and the international community, in flagrant violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013) and 2094 (2013).

3. The Government of the Republic of Korea strongly demands that North Korea, clearly recognizing that the international community will not tolerate North Korea's possession of nuclear weapons in any case, abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear and ballistic missile programmes in a complete, verifiable and irreversible manner in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions.

4. The Government of the Republic of Korea will cooperate closely with the international community, including our ally and participants of the Six-Party Talks, to take all necessary measures, including additional sanction measures by the United Nations Security Council, so that North Korea will face consequences commensurate with the nuclear test as already warned.

5. Furthermore, the Government of the Republic of Korea will maintain a high readiness posture against any further provocation by North Korea which threatens the safety of the Republic of Korea and its people.